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STORAGE CARTRIDGE FOR STORING DATA
IN A STORAGE MEDIUM

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Please enter amended paragraphs 0012, 0019, 0023, 0026, 0031, 0032, and 0033 as follows:

91 [0012] Still further provided is a magnetic tape medium, wherein the magnetic tape medium
comprises a first user data section and a second user data section. The first user data
section comprises a faster access storage space than the second user data section. A first
set of data to be written with less access delay than a second set of data is written to the
first user data section and the second set of data is written to the second user data section.

92 [0019] In accordance with SCSI tape commands, the host application 22 would write data
records sequentially to the tape drive 20. To retrieve data records, the host application 22